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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: 1 February 2001 "Endangered Species series"**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 1 February 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. This will be the ninth set of stamps in UNPA's multi-year series on Endangered Species, which was launched on 3 March 1993 to highlight the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world.

Denomination:
34 cents

Endangered species:
Common Spotted cuscus
Resplendent quetzal
Gila monster
Guereza

Designer:
Grace DeVito
(United States of America)

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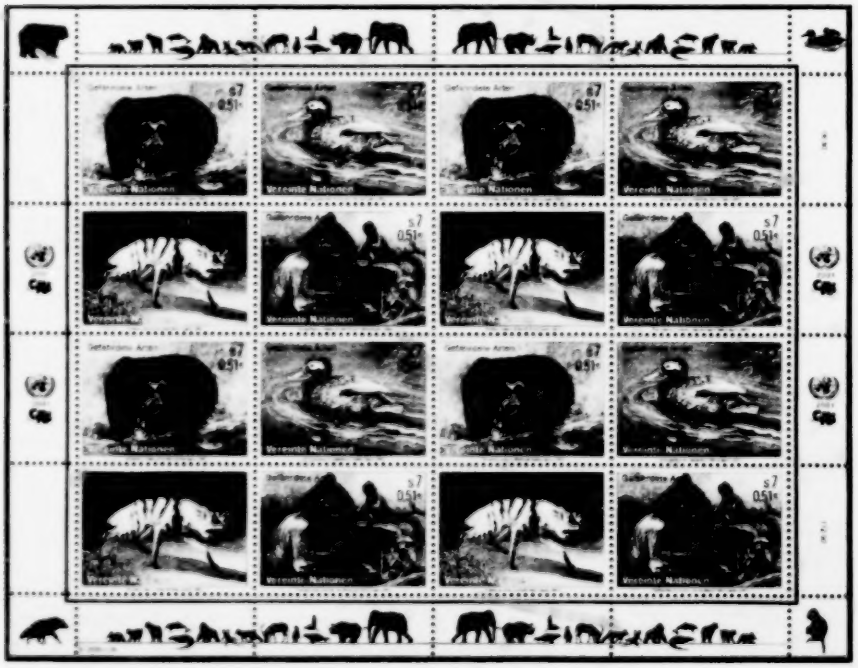
2. The issue will consist of three sheets of 16 stamps in denominations of 34 cents, SwF 0,90 and S 7/euro 0,51. Each sheet will illustrate four different endangered species.

(United States equivalents: SwF 0,90 = $US 0.51 and S 7/euro 0,51 = $US 0.44, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

Denomination:
SwF 0,90

Endangered species:
North American lynx
Green peafowl
Galapagos giant tortoise
Sportive lemur

Designer:
Higgins Bond
(United States of America)



Denomination:
S 7/euro 0,51

Endangered species:
Spectacled bear
Laysan duck
Aardwolf
Silvered leaf monkey

Designer:
Betina Ogden
(Australia)

2001 Endangered Species annual collection

3. On 1 February 2001, the UNPA will release the 2001 Endangered Species annual collection folder of single mint stamps.

4. The 2001 annual collection will be contained in a specially designed album. The album devotes separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. Descriptive information is provided in English, French and German, and each stamp is beautifully highlighted by a colourful array of photographs relating to the species. It should be noted that the Endangered Species series WILL NOT be included in the annual collection albums to be issued later in 2001.

5. The stamps are not affixed inside the album, although spaces and mounts have been provided for this purpose.

Triple-cancelled Endangered Species Annual Collection folder

6. Since the 2001 Endangered Species annual collection folder will contain stamps in all three denominations, special arrangements have been made by UNPA to make available to its collectors the Endangered Species collections in which the stamps will be affixed and cancelled 1 February 2001, the first day of issue in New York, Geneva and Vienna, as appropriate.

7. The policy of offering triple cancellations for the Endangered Species annual collection will continue throughout the duration of this series.

Maximum cards

8. The twentieth set of UNPA's maximum cards will also be issued on 1 February 2001. Three different cards will be produced to accommodate the three different *se-tenant* blocks of four stamps being issued. To conform with the maximum cards issued for the Endangered Species series in prior years, each maximum card will reproduce photographs of the species appearing on each of the stamps in the *se-tenant* block. The appropriate *se-tenant* blocks of stamps will be affixed and cancelled "first day of issue" for each respective office. The maximum card cancelled "United Nations, New York" will sell for $1.66. The cancelled "United Nations, Geneva" card is priced at $2.35, while the cancelled "United Nations, Vienna" card is priced at $2.06, subject to exchange rate fluctuations.

General information

9. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 1 February, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

11. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.